

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: John R. Hershberger House Inventory Number: G-I-A-059  
Address: US 40 Alt. South side, .2 miles east of US 219 Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no  
City: Grantsville vicinity Zip Code: 21536 County: Garrett  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Avilton  
Property Owner: State Highway Administration Tax Account ID Number: Public R/W  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project: U.S. 219 Improvements, Meyersdale (Pa.) to I-68 Agency: FHWA, SHA  
Agency Prepared By: Heberling Associates for SHA  
Preparer's Name: William Hunter Date Prepared: 6/15/2005  
Documentation is presented in: W.M. Hunter 2003 [2005] Historic Structures Survey/Determination of Eligibility Report, U.S. 219 Improvements Project. Prepared for the FHWA and SHA by Heberling Associates, Inc.  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: Little Meadows Historic Site  
Inventory Number: G-I-A-012 Eligible: ☐ yes Listed: ☐ yes  
Site visit by MHT Staf ☐ yes ☒ no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The John R. Hershberger is a vacant frame I-House located on the eastern slope of Chestnut Ridge, overlooking an abandoned I-68 exit ramp. The house, which rests on a poured concrete foundation that may conceal rough stone, is partially excavated into the hillside. The building is one unit deep and two units wide, and features balanced fenestration. The window bays are now empty of their windows, exposing the interior to the elements. Likewise, the offset doorways open into the compromised interior. The window bays feature plain frames with minimal ornament. The exterior is clad in machined drop wooden siding affixed with wire nails and framed with corner boards. A small brick chimney is found just off center on the ridge of the steep side gable roof. The porch on the façade has collapsed; a partial width shed porch remains on the building's rear. The house is the only building in its vicinity, the other landscape features being fence lines and a trace of a farm lane. The form and materials for the house suggest its construction c. 1910.

The Hershberger House is located within the Little Meadows Historic Site, south of the Tomlinson Inn. The house is now isolated on an overgrown hillside, on or adjacent to an expanse of land that the State Highway Administration acquired during the development of the interstate. The John R. Hershberger House has continued to degrade since the time of its first recordation for

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MHT Comments:

Tom Toland ✓  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

8/29/05  
Date

Patricia E. Canty  
Reviewer, National Register Program

9/13/05  
Date

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the MIHP in 1981, and is now in ruinous condition. Exposure to the elements, vandalism, and the collapse of a portion of its foundation has insured that the house is beyond any hope of recovery, and has no National Register potential under any criteria. The property is, however, located within the Little Meadows Historic Site.

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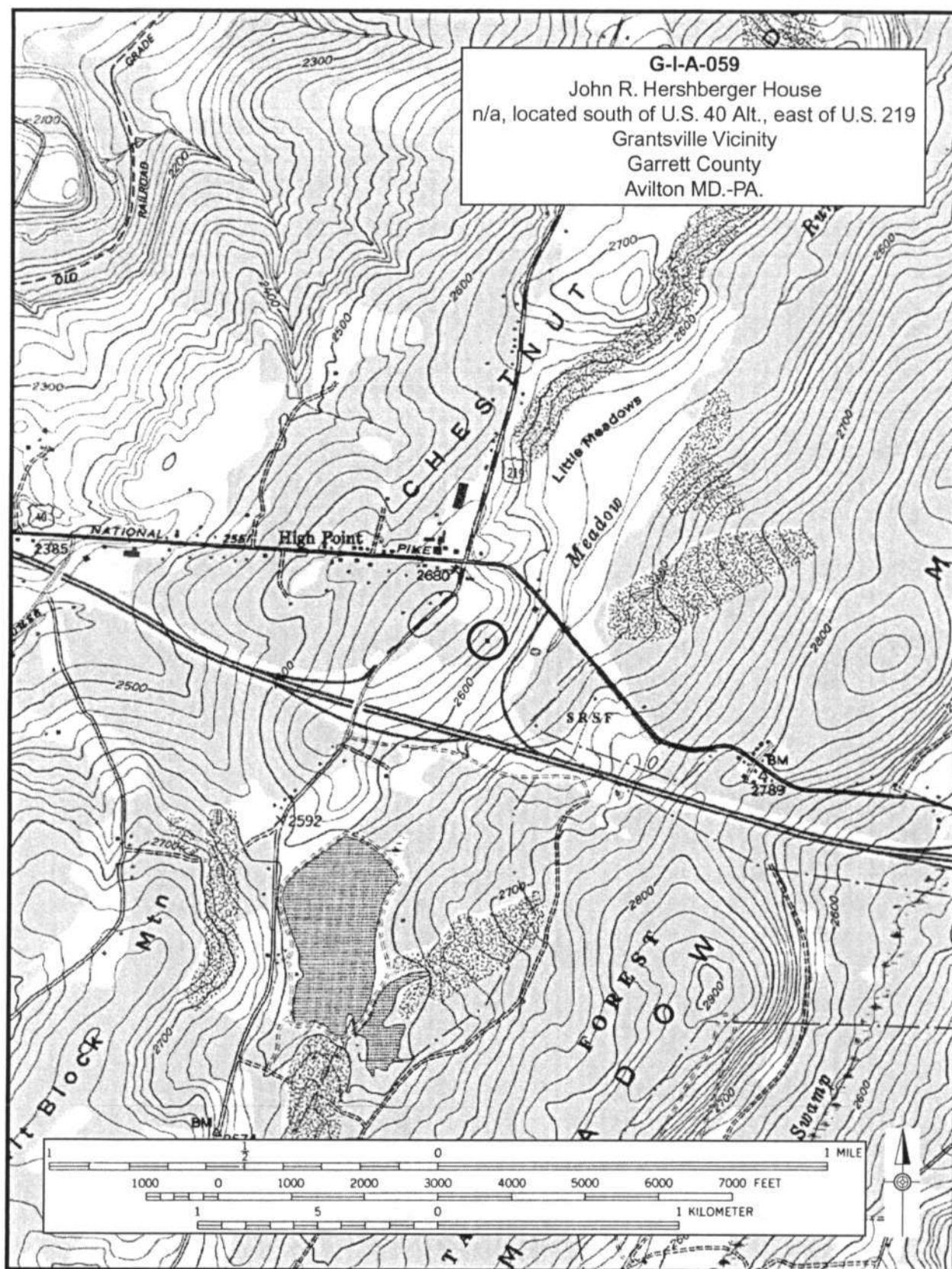
c. 1910

No address, located south of National Pike (U.S. 40 Alt.), east of U.S. 219

Grantsville vicinity

Public

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GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

HEBERLING ASSOCIATES, INC (NOVEMBER 2004)

VIEW OF THE HOUSE, FACING EAST.

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DETAIL VIEW OF THE SIDE FACADE, AUG PORCH, FACING SOUTHEAST.

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John R. Hershberger House  
Grantsville  
private

early 20th c.

The John R. Hershberger House is a two story, gable-roofed, balloon frame building on a poured concrete foundation. The frame is sheathed with diagonally laid boards and then covered with German siding and cornerboards. The interior walls are sheet rock nailed directly on to the studs. Its basic configuration is a three bay by one bay, two room plan with a brick stove chimney rising from the center. The building has been unoccupied for several years, so the deterioration of the facade and rear porches and the window sash have continued unchecked.

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MAGI #1201875635  
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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1201875704

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

John R. Hershberger House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

U.S. Route 40 - S side, .2 mile E of U.S. Route 219 N

CITY, TOWN

Grantsville

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John R. Hershberger

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

—EXCELLENT  
—GOOD  
☒FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
—RUINS  
—UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒UNALTERED  
—ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ORIGINAL SITE  
—MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John R. Hershberger House is located on the south side of U.S. Route 40 approximately .2 mile east of its junction with U.S. Route 219 North. The house is set back from the road on the west side of the exit ramp that connects U.S. Route 48 to U.S. Route 40.

The house is a balloon frame, two story, gable-roofed building on a poured concrete foundation. The frame is sheathed with diagonally laid board and then covered with German siding and cornerboards. The interior walls are sheet rock nailed on to the studs. Its plan consists of two rooms of equal size per floor and measures three bays by one bay. An open staircase of eleven treads is located in the western corner. The facade (southeast elevation) has a three bay arrangement with its transom-topped door placed off center. A porch extended across those three bays but has since fallen. The rear elevation has a similar arrangement but its shed-roofed porch only includes the two northern bays. Window surrounds are plain, flat board on the rear elevation and the interior. An additional molded cornice ornaments the window and door surrounds on the facade. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has a brick stove chimney situated on the center of its ridgeline. Entrances to the full, concrete lined basement are below the corner staircase and below the facade porch area.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is an example of a common western Maryland type. Houses of this general configuration, a rectangular main block, were constructed in Garrett County from the late nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

July 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

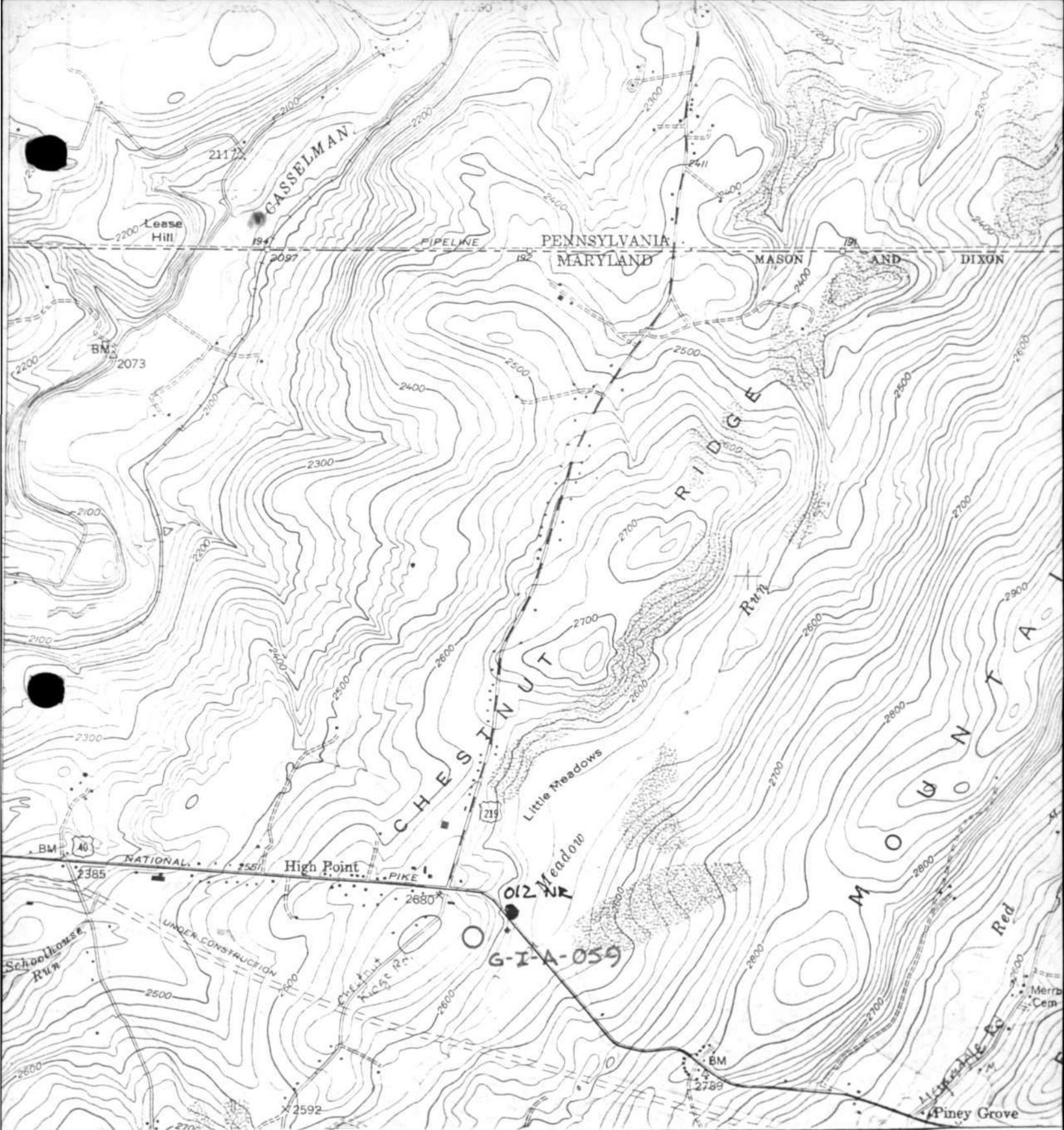
STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Avilton, MD-PA  
USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
Scale 1:24,000  
1947; photorevised 1974

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John R. Hershberger House

Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 5/27/81

Rear: NW & NE elevs.